

**ORDER**  
**SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS**  
**NEEDLE ROCK AREA**  
**TONTO NATIONAL FOREST**

**PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)**, the following restrictions and prohibitions are established year long within portions of Sections 17, 19, 20, 29, 30 & 32, T. 5 N., R. 7 E., and Sections 4 & 5, T. 4 N., R. 7 E., located on the Cave Creek Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, as shown on the attached map:

- 1. Being in this area between 10:00 p.m. and 6 a.m. 36 CFR 261.58(u)**
- 2. Going into or being upon this area while in possession of a glass container of any type. 36 CFR 261.53(e)**
- 3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)**
- 4. Using any motor vehicles on Forest Development Road\* #20 from Rio Verde Drive north to the Camp Creek Road #413. 36 CFR 261.54(a)**

**Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a)**, the following prohibitions are established within portions of the SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 29 and the N 1/2. Sec. 32, T. 5 N., R. 7 E., located on the Cave Creek Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest as shown on the attached map:

- 5. Going into or being upon this area from December 1st through June 30th annually, which is closed for the protection of an Endangered Species. 36 CFR 261.53(a)**
- 6. Possessing or using a vehicle off Forest Development Roads.\* 36 CFR 261.56**

These restrictions are in addition to those prohibitions enumerated in Subpart A of 36 CFR 261 and any other special restrictions pertaining to the described lands. In particular, reference is made to the following Orders (as revised): Order 12-4 (off-road travel restrictions), Order 12-6 (lands Forest-wide), Order 12-147 (rivers Forest-wide), Order 12-64 (ATV restrictions), Order 12-129 (Marijuana prohibition), and Order 12-130 (under-age consumption of alcohol). Also note that there are special restrictions in effect within the boundaries of the Needle Rock Recreation Site which is located within this area.

**PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from Restriction #1 of this Order:**

- 1. Persons who are camping or who are visiting a person camping in the area.**
- 2. Persons who are traveling through the area on a Forest Development Road.\***
- 3. Persons who are fishing in accordance with Arizona's fishing laws (ARS Title 17) and Arizona Game & Fish Commission Orders.**

**PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from Restriction #3 of this Order:**

- 1. Persons taking game in accordance with Arizona's hunting laws (ARS 17) and Arizona Game & Fish Commission Orders.**

**PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from Restriction #4 of this Order:**

- 1. Persons with a motor vehicle which is currently registered in compliance with Arizona's transportation laws (ARS 28, Chapter 3).**

**PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from Restriction #5 of this Order:**

- 1. Persons in a watercraft floating down the Verde River, provided they do not stop.**

**PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from Restriction Nos. 1-6 of this Order:**

- 1. Persons with written authorization by a Forest Officer which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.**
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.**

**\*Forest Development Roads are described as all roads listed in the Tonto National Forest Transportation Information System (TIS), copies of which are available in all local Forest Service offices.**

This Order supersedes Order 12-137-R, signed by Forest Supervisor Charles R. Bazan on August 23, 1996, which is hereby terminated.

Done at Phoenix, Arizona, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1997.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. R. Bazan', is written over a horizontal line.

CHARLES R. BAZAN  
Forest Supervisor  
Tonto National Forest

**VIOLATION OF THESE PROHIBITIONS IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$5,000 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR \$10,000 FOR A LEGAL ENTITY OTHER THAN AN INDIVIDUAL, OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX (6) MONTHS, OR BOTH. TITLE 16 USC, SECTION 551.**